



PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1731**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasunao MIURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/045,083

Examiner: J. HOFFMANN

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING HONEYCOMB BODY AND DRYING SYSTEM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the March 30, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 2-5 are pending in this application.

In the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative for an interview prior to acting on this case.

I. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Claims 2-4

The Office Action rejects claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,952,079 to Andou et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,776,998 to Davidson et al. and U.S. Patent No. 4,622,057 to Chyung et al., and optionally in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,731,036 to Hallier et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.